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2. Commander: Louis Kiss, Second-Lieutenant of the AVH

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- 3. Personnel of the guard post: 1 Commander, 1 Second-in-Command, 1 political officer, 1 Duty sergeant, 1 secretary of the DISZ, 1 Party delegate (man whom the Party trusts), 1 sergeant for the supply, 1 magazine caretaker, 1 cook, 4 supply train soldiers, (sic quartermaster ?); in all 47 men.
- 4. Quarters: in the "Kolompos Csarda" (Kolompos inn), not far from the railroad.
- 50X1-HUM 5. Names of the men detailed to the guard post: Second-incommand, First sergeant Louis Relet; Folitical officer, laster sergeant Francis Illes sergeant, platoon leader Julius auller; Party delegate, Corporal Joseph Magy; DISZ-secretary, Corporal Ellis, Lörincz; Supply-sergeant, First sergeant Gabriel Kovacs; Political informers. Corporals Anthony Benese and Paul Kurunczi.
- 6. Armsment and equipment: Six revolvers, M.48, 7.62 mm; three light machine guns, M.48, 8 mm; 25 sub-machine guns M.48; 35 automatic rifles, M.48; two rifles with the telescopic sight; two laxim machine guns; 15 flare pistols; 100 egg grenades; 200 stick hand grenades; eight 6 x 30 field glasses; 15 pocket flashlights; three patrol watches; 10 patrol pouches; 200 rocket signal devices; 10 bicycles; eight morses (four riding horses); 1 wagon and two machine gun carts.

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- 7. Training: Men not on duty march out daily and drill for 3-4 hours, also train in patrolling and special duty on frontier traffic. Each day one hour political lecture and another hour on press-information. The frontier guard has detailed to the machine run course in Zala-Ejerszeg two men for two weeks, consecutively; to the sharpshooter course in Sopron two men for three months; to the patrolleader course in Szent-Gotthard, consecutively always one man for two weeks, and to the dog sentry course in Budapest, one man for six months yearly.
- 8. Pay: 150 forints per month, for a private.
- 9. Food is excellent, particularly for the sentries.
- 10. The feeling is 90 percent against the Communists, but the men are so terrorized that this sentiment does not reach the surface. Among the officers, who now come from the lowest classes, 90 percent are Communists.
- 11. Duty division: Interior guard: Frontier inspection sergeant: 24 hours in the inspection room of the frontier guard barracks. He cares for the dispatch of the patrols, receives the telephone orders of the higher authorities and the situation reports, etc. The corporal of the day wakes the patrol in time, cares for their supply, ammunition, etc. Double sentry post at the barracks: one sentry stands before the barracks as safety post, he dispatches those whe enter the barracks, observes the rocket signals of the outside reconnoitering patrols and reports these to the frontier inspection sergeant.

  Next to the barracks is a watch tower, which assures the communication between the patrols, the personnel of the watch towers, and the barracks themselves.
- 12. Outpost duty: (see map)
  Three patrols are dispatched by day light, with 8-10 hours relief, which occurs at the watch towers. The watch tower in the middle is not occupied. The third patrol lies hidden at the railroad.

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One man of the patrol is up on the watch tower, another stands on the ground, at a distance of about 100 meters away. The patrol at the railroad has one man standing on the track at the wire entanglement, another on the banks of the river Raba (Raab). During the night, four patrols are dispatched, each with three men of whom one sits on the watch tower and the two others reconnoiter along the wire entanglements. (See map). The watch at the train exit is the same day and night.

13. Rocket signal devices: these were given the posts in the summer of 1951 to make illegal passage of the border more difficult. (For mechanism of the devices, see sketch). The devices are put in place by the patrols at nightfall, according to their own judgment, about 300 meters to the inside from the wire entanglements. (we rockets are connected with a trip wire which is about 40-60 meters long, and this trip wire, when touched by a fugitive, activates the rockets and alerts the frontier guards, who rush to the point at which the rockets appeared. In the morning the rocket signal devices are brought back by the patrols and are kept in the watch towers until the next night.

Enc: 1. Map of Szent-Gotthard and environs, 1 page. 2. Sketch of rocket signal apparatus, 1 page.

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PATROL LINES OF THE HUNGARIAN ERONTIER GUARDS AT SZENT-GOTTHARD

REMARK: PATROL LINES 1, 3, 5, 6 HAVE TRIP WIRE MINES ALONG THE BORDER.
PATROL LINES 2, 4 HAVE CONTACT MINES ALONG THE BORDER.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY Attachment 2 50X1-HUM <u>2.5 CM</u>. 20 cm. body of the rocket cartridge casing spring housing Trip Wire picket safety stick firing pin with spring ground surface